



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

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Dr. Kurt Benirschke, M.D., President
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Dear Dr. Benirschke:

Subject: San Diego Zoo - Project Status

We have received your letter dated September 6, 1999 and acknowledge that you will be working with the public to address the concerns that have been raised. These concerns have been in response to the initial proposal that was submitted to the Planning Commission in order to initiate the public review process. Therefore, as you've requested, staff review of that initial proposal is on hold pending revisions to the scope of the Zoo's proposal. Staff will, however, assist during the public input process and will be available to provide for review and comment during the development of the collaborative plan.

As part of the ongoing coordination of the Zoo's proposal, I will forward to you all comments and letters received by staff, which will further enable you to engage everyone in the process. As you continue to maximize the use of the Zoo's current leasehold boundary, please note that any proposal for development within the Sheep and Goat Canyon area would require review by the City. Staff is available to assist you in this process and to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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Development Project Manager

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